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A BILL FOR

1 An Act establishing a school improvement technology program and
2 making appropriations.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 295.1 Legislative findings and
2 intent.

3 The general assembly finds that it is in the public interest
4 to develop and equitably fund instructional technology within
5 the public schools of this state to ensure that students,
6 teachers, and administrators are equipped and prepared to
7 excel. Toward that goal, it is the intent of this chapter to
8 establish and fund a school improvement technology program.

9 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 295.2 School improvement technology
10 appropriation.

11 1. a. There is appropriated from the general fund of
12 the state to the department of education for the fiscal year
13 beginning July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014, the sum
14 of twenty-five million dollars for the school improvement
15 technology program.

16 b. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state
17 to the department of education for the fiscal year beginning
18 July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, the sum of twenty-five
19 million dollars for the school improvement technology program.

20 2. a. For each fiscal year in which moneys are appropriated
21 for purposes of the program, and after the allocations of
22 moneys pursuant to paragraph "c" and subsection 3, the moneys
23 remaining shall be allocated to school districts and the
24 schools and institutions specified in paragraph "b" in the
25 proportion that the basic enrollment of a district, school, or
26 institution bears to the sum of the basic enrollments of all
27 school districts in the state for the budget year. However,
28 except as provided in paragraph "c", a district, school, or
29 institution shall not receive less than fifteen thousand
30 dollars in a fiscal year.

31 b. The Iowa braille and sight saving school and the state
32 school for the deaf governed by the state board of regents, and
33 the Glenwood and Woodward state resource centers, the mental
34 health institutes at Cherokee and Independence, the state
35 training school, and the Iowa juvenile home under the control

1 of the department of human services as provided in section
2 218.1, subsections 1 through 3, 5, 7, and 8, shall receive
3 moneys under paragraph "a" in the same manner and, except
4 as provided in paragraph "c", to the same extent as if they
5 were school districts. The superintendent of each school or
6 institution specified in this paragraph "b" shall certify the
7 basic enrollments of the school or institution administered by
8 the superintendent to the department of education by October 1.

9 c. Notwithstanding paragraph "b", the amount of moneys
10 allocated to state resource centers and mental health
11 institutes specified in paragraph "b", shall be a total of
12 not more than forty-five thousand dollars for each fiscal
13 year. The department of education shall distribute the amount
14 allocated proportionately between the four institutions.

15 3. From the moneys appropriated in subsection 1, the sum of
16 four hundred fifty thousand dollars shall be divided among the
17 area education agencies based upon each area education agency's
18 percentage of the total full-time equivalent elementary and
19 secondary teachers employed in the school districts in this
20 state.

21 4. For each year in which an appropriation is made
22 under subsection 1 for purposes of the school improvement
23 technology program, the department of education shall notify
24 the department of revenue and finance of the amount to be paid
25 to each school district, area education agency, and schools and
26 institutions specified in subsection 1, paragraph "b", based
27 upon the distribution plan set forth for the appropriation made
28 pursuant to this section. The allocation under this section
29 to each school district, area education agency, school, and
30 institution shall be made in one payment on or about October 15
31 of the fiscal year in which the appropriation is made, taking
32 into consideration the relative budget and cash position of the
33 state resources.

34 5. a. Moneys received by a school district or area
35 education agency under this section shall not be commingled

1 with state aid payments made under sections 257.16 and 257.35
2 and shall be accounted for by the local school district or area
3 education agency separately from state aid payments.

4 *b.* Payments made to school districts and area education
5 agencies under this section are miscellaneous income for
6 purposes of chapter 257 or are considered encumbered.

7 6. The schools and institutions specified in subsection
8 1, paragraph "b", and each school district and area education
9 agency shall maintain a separate listing within their budgets
10 for payments received and expenditures made pursuant to this
11 section.

12 7. Moneys received under this section shall not be used for
13 payment of any collective bargaining agreement or arbitrator's
14 decision negotiated or awarded under chapter 20.

15 **Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 295.3 School improvement technology**
16 **planning.**

17 1. Prior to receiving funds under this chapter, the board
18 of directors of a school district shall adopt a technology
19 plan that supports school improvement technology efforts
20 and includes an evaluation component. The plan shall be
21 developed by licensed professional staff of the district,
22 including both teachers and administrators. The plan shall,
23 at a minimum, focus on the attainment of student achievement
24 goals, recommended pursuant to section 280.12 and set forth in
25 the school district's comprehensive school improvement plan
26 submitted to the department of education in compliance with
27 section 256.7, subsection 21, and shall demonstrate how the
28 board will utilize technology to improve student achievement.
29 A district needs to develop only one plan while this chapter
30 is effective. The technology plan shall be kept on file in the
31 district and a copy of the plan, and any subsequent amendments
32 to the plan, shall be sent to the appropriate area education
33 agency. Progress made under the plan shall be included as part
34 of the comprehensive school improvement plan.

35 2. Prior to receiving funds under this chapter, each area

1 education agency shall provide to the department of education
2 adequate assurance that the agency has developed or is
3 developing a plan to assist school districts in the development
4 of a technology planning process to meet the purposes of this
5 chapter. The plan shall describe how the area education
6 agency intends to support school districts with instructional
7 technology staff development and training. An area education
8 agency needs to develop only one plan while this chapter is
9 effective. An annual progress report shall be submitted to the
10 department of education.

11 3. Prior to receiving funds under this chapter, the
12 superintendents of the schools and institutions specified
13 in section 295.2, subsection 2, paragraph "b", shall each
14 develop a technology plan that supports and improves student
15 achievement, demonstrates how technology will be utilized
16 to improve student achievement, and includes an evaluation
17 component. Each school and institution needs to develop only
18 one plan while this chapter is effective. The plan shall be
19 sent to the state board of regents or the department of human
20 services, as appropriate, and to the department of education.
21 An annual progress report shall be submitted to the state board
22 of regents or the department of human services, as appropriate,
23 and to the department of education.

24 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 295.4 School improvement technology
25 expenditures.

26 1. Funds received pursuant to section 295.2 shall be used
27 for the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase, installation, and
28 maintenance of instructional technology equipment, including
29 computers, one-to-one laptop computer programs, long-distance
30 learning, hardware and software, wiring, and materials and
31 supplies related to instructional technology.

32 2. Funds received by an area education agency pursuant
33 to section 295.2 shall be expended for the costs related
34 to supporting school districts, schools, and institutions
35 within the area served with technology planning and equipment,

1 including computers, one-to-one laptop computer programs,
2 long-distance learning, hardware and software, wiring, and
3 materials and supplies related to instructional technology.
4 An area education agency may contract with an appropriate
5 accredited institution of higher education in Iowa to provide
6 staff development and training to implement the purposes of
7 this chapter.

8 3. Funds received pursuant to section 295.2 shall not be
9 expended to add a full-time equivalent position or otherwise
10 increase staffing.

11 Sec. 5. NEW SECTION. 295.5 Future repeal.

12 This chapter is repealed July 1, 2018.

13 EXPLANATION

14 This bill enacts new Code chapter 295, establishing a
15 school improvement technology program, and appropriates \$25
16 million from the general fund of the state to the department
17 of education for FY 2013-2014 and FY 2014-2015 for purposes
18 of disbursing funds to public schools, area education
19 agencies (AEAs), and other public educational institutions
20 for the acquisition, lease, lease-purchase, installation, and
21 maintenance of instructional technology equipment, including
22 computers, one-to-one laptop computer programs, long-distance
23 learning, hardware and software, wiring, and materials and
24 supplies related to instructional technology. Funds received
25 shall not be used to increase staffing.

26 The moneys allocated to the AEAs, \$450,000, shall be
27 distributed to the AEAs based upon each AEA's percentage of the
28 total full-time equivalent elementary and secondary teachers
29 employed in the school districts in this state. An AEA may
30 contract with an appropriate accredited institution of higher
31 education in Iowa to provide staff development and training to
32 assist school districts in implementing the Code chapter.

33 Moneys remaining after the disbursement to the AEAs shall
34 be allocated to school districts in the proportion that the
35 basic enrollment of a district bears to the sum of the basic

1 enrollments of all school districts in the state for the budget
2 year. However, a district shall not receive less than \$15,000
3 per year.

4 The Iowa braille and sight saving school, the state school
5 for the deaf, the Glenwood state resource center, Woodward
6 state resource center, the mental health institute at Cherokee,
7 the mental health institute at Independence, the state training
8 school, and the Iowa juvenile home shall also receive moneys
9 under the program in the same manner and to the same extent as
10 if they were school districts, except that the Glenwood state
11 resource center, Woodward state resource center, the mental
12 health institute at Cherokee, and the mental health institute
13 at Independence shall divide a total of \$45,000 proportionately
14 amongst the four institutions. The superintendents of those
15 schools and institutions must certify the basic enrollments of
16 their institutions to the department of education by October 1.

17 Moneys received under new Code chapter 295 shall not be
18 used for payment of any collective bargaining agreement or
19 arbitrator's decision negotiated or awarded under Code chapter
20 20.

21 Prior to receiving funds, the board of directors of a school
22 district shall adopt a technology plan. The plan shall be
23 developed by licensed professional staff of the district,
24 including both teachers and administrators. The plan shall, at
25 a minimum, focus on the attainment of student achievement goals
26 and shall demonstrate how the board will utilize technology
27 to improve student achievement. Progress made under the
28 plan shall be included as part of the comprehensive school
29 improvement plan submitted to the department of education
30 annually.

31 Prior to receiving funds under new Code chapter 295, each AEA
32 must provide to the department of education adequate assurance
33 that they have developed or are developing a plan to assist
34 school districts in the development of a technology planning
35 process. The plan shall describe how the AEA intends to

1 support school districts with instructional technology staff
2 development and training. An annual progress report shall be
3 submitted to the department.

4 Prior to receiving funds under this Code chapter, the Iowa
5 braille and sight saving school, the state school for the
6 deaf, and the institutions receiving funds that are under the
7 control of the department of human services must also develop
8 and submit to the state board of regents or to the department
9 of human services, as appropriate, and to the department of
10 education, a technology plan that supports and improves student
11 achievement, demonstrates the manner in which technology will
12 be utilized to improve student achievement and includes an
13 evaluation component. Each school and institution must also
14 submit an annual progress report to the state board of regents
15 or the department of human services, as appropriate, and to the
16 department of education.

17 Code chapter 295 is repealed July 1, 2018.